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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Proposed Posting and Posting of Stockyards

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is taking several actions to post stockyards under the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act). Specifically, we are proposing that eight stockyards now operating subject to the P&S Act be posted. We are also posting 15 stockyards that were identified previously as operating subject to the P&S Act.

DATES: For the proposed posting of stockyards, we will consider comments that we receive on or before [Insert date 15 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Internet: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail, hand delivery, or courier: R. Dexter Thomas, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2530-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Instructions: All comments should refer to the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. The comments and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine M. Grasso, Program Analyst,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA administers and enforces the P&S Act of 1921, (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202) defines the term “stockyard” as follows:
“...any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other enclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.”

Section 302 (b) of the P&S Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. Once the Secretary provides notice to the stockyard owner and the public, the stockyard is subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposits the stockyard by public notice. To post a stockyard, we assign the stockyard a facility number, notify the stockyard owner, and send an official posting notice to the stockyard owner to display in a public area of the stockyard. This process is referred to as “posting.” The date of posting is the date that the posting notices are physically displayed at the stockyard. A

facility that does not meet the definition of a stockyard is not subject to the P&S Act, and therefore cannot be posted. A posted stockyard can be deposted, which occurs when the facility is no longer used as a stockyard.

We are hereby notifying stockyard owners and the public that the following eight stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard, and that we propose to designate these stockyards as posted stockyards.

Proposed Facility Number	Stockyard Name and Location
KY-189	Blue Grass Stockyards of Albany, LLC, Albany, Kentucky
MS-181	Cattlemens Stockyard, LLC, West Point, Mississippi
NC-182	Walton L. Standridge d/b/a Standridge Auction, Hamlet, North Carolina
NC-183	Vale Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Cleveland County Agriculture & Livestock Exchange, Shelby, North Carolina
ND-134	Bismarck Superior Livestock, LLP, Bismarck, North Dakota
PA-164	Nicholson Livestock Market, Factoryville, Pennsylvania
SD-173	Kramer's Auction, LLC, Colman, South Dakota
TN-215	Alexandria Stockyard, Inc., Alexandria, Tennessee

We are also notifying the public that the stockyards listed in the following table meet the P&S Act's definition of a stockyard and that we have posted the stockyards. On July 27, 2015, we published a notice in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 41255-41256) of our proposal to post these 15 stockyards. Since we received no comments to our proposal, we assigned the stockyards a facility number and notified the owner of the stockyard facilities. Posting notices were sent to the owner of the stockyard to display in public areas of the stockyard. The table below reflects the date of posting for each stockyard.

Facility Number	Stockyard Name and Location	Date of Posting
AR-184	Mid-State Stockyards, LLC, Damascus, Arkansas	10/23/2015
AZ-119	Arizona Livestock Auction, Buckeye, Arizona	12/16/2015
GA-236	Trion Livestock Auction, LLC, Trion Georgia	10/23/2015
GA-237	Deer Run Auction Co., Adel, Georgia	10/16/2015
KY-188	Franklin Livestock Market, Inc., Franklin, Kentucky	10/19/2015
MO-289	Archangel Outreach Ministries, Inc., d/b/a CRS & Highlandville Sales, Highlandville, Missouri	12/14/2015
MS-179	Integrity Livestock Auction, LLC, Brookhaven, Mississippi	10/19/2015
MS-180	Ramsey Livestock Sales, Inc., Vicksburg, Mississippi	12/11/2015
NC-181	Flippin Chicken Auction & Sales, Beulaville, North Carolina	10/17/2015
OK-218	JC Stockyards Auction, LLC, Meeker, Oklahoma	10/19/2015
TN-212	WJ Auction Co., LLC, Telford, Tennessee	12/01/2015
TN-213	Saddle Brook Stables, Jamestown, Tennessee	10/26/2015
TN-214	Wiser Farms/Triple "M" Farms, Shelbyville, Tennessee	10/19/2015
TX-358	Paris Livestock Auction, LLC, Paris, Texas	10/16/2015
UT-119	Anderson Livestock Auction Co., Willard, Utah	10/19/2015

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